

SENATE BILL 1279

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,  
relative to the practice of dentistry.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-113, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) Any dentist duly licensed in this state who has completed a minimum of two (2) years of graduate education in a dental school accredited by the Commission of Dental Accreditation, or the equivalent thereof in a specialty branch of dentistry or who has otherwise met the requirements of the rules promulgated by the board, may apply for a certificate as a specialist.

(b) The board may recognize specialty certification of those dentists licensed through the licensure criteria provisions of § 63-5-110, if the requirements for certification in the original state are substantially equivalent to those requirements in Tennessee.

(c) No one shall offer or conduct any school, course, or program that grants credentialed status or that graduates individuals for credentialed status, or its equivalent, in any particular branch of dentistry or any specific area of the practice of dentistry that is not listed as a recognized specialty in § 63-5-112.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.